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State of Louisiana

David C. Treen
Governor

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The Soviet occupation of Afghanistan continues unabated, causing immense privation to and suffering among the people of Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, The Soviet occupation of this independent and sovereign land has now entered its fourth year; and

WHEREAS, The Soviet occupation forces now total over one hundred thousand troops; and

WHEREAS, The use of the most inhumane weapons, including chemical and biological weapons by Soviet troops has become increasingly clear and condemned by the civilized world; and

WHEREAS, The number of refugees forced to flee Afghanistan has steadily increased; and

WHEREAS, The proud spirit of the people of Afghanistan, its resistance to occupation and its struggle to regain its sovereignty remain an inspiration to peoples, whether free or under the yoke of tyranny; and

WHEREAS, The people of Afghanistan observe March 21 as the start of their New Year; and

WHEREAS, The President declared March 21, 1983, as Afghanistan Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID C. TREEN, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim March 21, 1983, as

AFGHANISTAN DAY

in Louisiana and commend this observance to all our citizens.

At Witness, Having it been presented and
my hand officially and counsel to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana at the
Capitol in the City of Baton Rouge on this
the 13rd day of March
A.D. 1983

David C. Treen
Governor of Louisiana

Attest By
The Governor

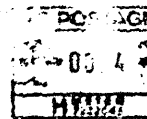
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